

Assembly Joint Resolution

No. 26

Introduced by Assembly Member Haynes

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Assembly Joint Resolution No. 26—Relative to the alternative minimum tax.

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AJR 26, as introduced, Haynes. Alternative minimum tax.

This measure would memorialize the President of the United States and the Congress to support legislation that would permanently repeal the alternative minimum tax.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, In 1969 the Congress of the United States created
2 the alternative minimum tax to prevent wealthy Americans and
3 corporations from using otherwise available deductions to
4 unduely reduce their income tax liability; and

5 WHEREAS, Today the alternative minimum tax has placed an
6 onerous burden on working middle-class families and productive
7 companies; and

8 WHEREAS, Any family making over \$49,000 that takes a
9 deduction for state and local taxes, mortgage interest, dependents,

1 and college education expenses will be subject to the alternative
2 minimum tax; and

3 WHEREAS, The corporate alternative minimum tax targets
4 capital intensive industries that create jobs, raise the incomes of
5 workers, and increase the standard of living for all Americans; and

6 WHEREAS, Corporations become subject to the alternative
7 minimum tax during recessions, forcing layoffs of the employees;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, It is important to protect working middle-income
10 families and productive companies from tax burdens that only
11 reduce the possibility of economic prosperity instead of encourage
12 it; now, therefore, be it

13 *Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California,*
14 *jointly,* That the Legislature of the State of California
15 memorializes the President and the Congress of the United States
16 to support legislation introduced in Congress that would
17 permanently repeal the alternative minimum tax; and be it further

18 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
19 of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
20 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the
21 Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and
22 Representative from California in the Congress of the United
23 States.

